

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants and Applicants' representative sincerely thank Examiner Sergent of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for his time and consideration in participating in a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on November 18, 2010. The Interview Summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative proposed amending independent claims 1 and 18 to recite an [NCO]/[OH] molar ratio of 1.5:1 to 5.0:1. The Examiner advised that such amendments would be effective to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants also note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that any further Official Action on the merits would not be made final. See Interview Summary.

By the above amendments, claims 1 and 18 have been amended in the manner proposed during the interview, i.e., to recite an [NCO]/[OH] molar ratio of 1.5:1 to 5.0:1. Support for such amendments can be found in the instant specification at least at page 5, lines 32-33. Entry of the above amendments is appropriate in view of the fact that a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith. See 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

As noted above, the Examiner agreed that the above amendments to independent claims 1 and 18 would be effective to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of such rejections is respectfully requested.

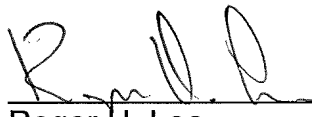
If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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